

Motorcyclists are especially vulnerable to being injured on the roadways because they are often overlooked or invisible to other drivers. Drivers look for big trucks and other cars, but motorcyclists don't seem to be on their "radar".

To make matters worse for motorcyclists, injuries in motorcycle accidents are often more serious and catastrophic because the motorcycle operator does not have enough protection from serious injury like the driver of an automobile does.

Virginia has laws covering motorcycle accidents, so if you are injured in a motorcycle accident, it is a good idea to contact a lawyer familiar with motorcycle accident law to advise you and make sure your rights are protected.

The lawyers at **Weiner, Rohrstaff & Spivey** can help you. CONTACT US for a free conversation about your motorcycle accident case. There is no obligation to hire a lawyer. REQUEST our free information about motorcycle accident cases in Virginia.

Motorcycle Accident Statistics

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (LINK HERE -<http://www.iihs.org/>) :

- Fifty-five percent of all reported fatal motorcycle crashes occurring nationally in 1998 involved multiple vehicle crashes and 45% occurred in single-vehicle crashes.
- Five crash types account for 86% of fatal motorcycle crashes: motorcycle runs-off-road 41%, motorcycle or other vehicle runs traffic control 18%, head-on collision 11%, car turns in front of cycle 8% and motorcycle goes down in roadway 7%.
- Forty-five percent of deaths in single-vehicle motorcycle crashes in 1998 included drivers with blood alcohol concentration at or above 0.10%.
- Nine out of 10 motorcycle deaths in 1998 were males. Seventy-seven percent of the females who died in a motorcycle crash were passengers and 98% of males who died were drivers.

Library for Motorcycle Accidents:

- [Crash Statistics Fatally Injured Motorcycle Operators by License Status \[PDF\]](#)
Description: On an average, in the five years between 2002 and 2006, 25% of motorcycle operators fatally injured in fatal crashes were operating their motorcycles with invalid licenses (either did not have the license or did not have an endorsement) compared to about 15 % for fatally injured passenger vehicle drivers. This data is from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).
- [May - Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month](#)
- [FACTS & FIGURES: Motorcycle Helmet Use Laws \[PDF\]](#)
Description: Motorcycle helmets provide the best protection from head injury for motorcyclists involved in traffic crashes. In 2004, 4,008 motorcyclists were killed and more than 76,000 were injured in highway vehicle accidents, according to a January 2006 report available from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Association (NHTSA). Motorcyclists were 32 times more likely to be killed in an accident than car passengers per vehicle mile driven. More than half of motorcycle accidents result from collisions with other vehicles. These statistics highlight the importance of determining fault and insurance requirements in motorcycle accidents.